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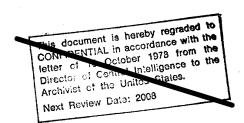
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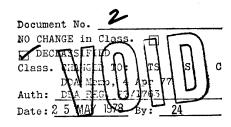
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- 1. Xom, the Viet Minh chief in Bangkok, states there were both advantages and disadvantages in sending Vietnam delegates to the ECAFE Conference in Singapore in October. Xom listed the advantages as:
 - a. Fublicity would be given to the Vietnam Government headed by Ho-chi-Minh.
 - b. The Vietnam would be able to ascertain who its enemies and friends were, i.e., those countries voting for or against the Vietnam Delegates at the Conference.
 - c. The Vietnam people would have a chance to witness the modus operandi of the so-called democratic countries and as a consequence, would become disillusioned.
 - d. That the Vietnamese people would realize that only victory by use of arms would stabilize the government; and that by so doing, it would force the world to recognize the independence of Vietnam.
- 2. Xom listed the disadvantages as:
 - a. The Vietnam government would have to spend a large sum of money to pay the expenses of their delegates and that such money could be used for reconstruction purposes and for strengthening the armed forces.
 - b. The French would have an opportunity to create a "fuss" about their admission into the Conference.





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